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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: CIA Contribution to External Research Inventory

1. The External Research Staff, Department of State, in furtherance of its mission of advising federal executive agencies about recently completed and on-going external research, plans to issue in the near future an inventory of external research sponsored by the following agencies: Defense (all services and their contractors, including the RAND Corp.), State, Agriculture, Treasury, Federal Reserve System, Commerce, Labor, FOA, USIA, and CIA. The inventory is being compiled in partial fulfillment of a specific request of the Department of Defense, which gave the External Research Staff some financial assistance therefor, and in part as a pilot experiment to determine the usefulness of such an inventory to agencies engaged in the type of research to be listed.
2. The external research to be covered in the inventory will be economic, political, sociological, psychological, and related social science research on foreign areas conducted in 1953. No "sensitive" research nor research classified above Secret will be included.
3. The inventory will be classified Secret. It is estimated that about 300 copies will be distributed within the executive branch of the government including 70 copies for CIA. Attached at Tab A is a tentative initial distribution.
4. Your approval to include in the inventory Agency material listed in Tab B, which would be identified as sponsored

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by CIA, is requested. A brief summary of each project, the contractor, and the cost will be included. Most of this information has already been published in an inventory of the Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC-S-13 dated October 1953). It is believed that it should also be included in the inventory of the External Research Staff because of the latter's broader substantive scope and wider distribution than that of the EIC publication.

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Concurrence:

Assistant Director for Research and Reports

Date

Approval:

Deputy Director (Intelligence)

Date

Attachment

OIC/ JQR (1 March 1954)

Distribution

Orig and 2 - DDI (Orig. OIC return)

1 - AD/RR

2 - OIC (file) ✓

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